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DOLLAR A YEAR.

IN A BOX!

If you want to write a nice letter you can do it if you have nice stationery. You're in a box if you haven't the paper, and paper is in a nice box if you buy it here. We have many styles.

POSTOFFICE DRUG STORE.

MOTTO: THIS PAPER WILL NOT FAWN AT THE FEET OF THE MAN WHO HAS SUDDELY AND WITHOUT MERIT REACHED THE TOP OF THE HILL; NOR WILL IT KICK THE MAN WHO IS GOING DOWN IT.

SARA ELIZABETH HARRIS, Local Editor

HAPPENINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Ferns and Palms in many sizes and varieties at the Greenhouse.

Hon. J. B. C. Koonce spent Monday in Ocala with his wife and son.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENTS.—No, The Ocala Banner has no colored editor.

Mrs. T. D. Bryan and baby went to Grove Park Monday to visit relatives.

Mr. Ambrose Davis, of Tampa, is the guest of his brother, Mr. P. C. Davis.

Mrs. Ross, of Macon, Ga., is the guest of her niece, Mrs. W. J. Chambers.

Major Haskell returned yesterday afternoon from a week's fishing trip to Crystal River.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday morning to Howard Darien and Lilly Moore.

Dr. R. Don Sistrunk, of Dade City, was among the prominent visitors to this city Monday.

Rev. L. B. Warren has been invited to preach a sermon in the Jewish synagogue next Sunday.

Mrs. Percy Williams, of Jacksonville, is in the city, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Kingman.

Mrs. J. W. Harrell, of Jacksonville, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Alf. Abshire at Bellview.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamrick, of Jacksonville, are the guests of Mr. Hamrick's sister, Mrs. M. C. Looney.

Col. Otis T. Green left Tuesday for New York and Washington, where he goes on professional business.

Mr. E. W. Kraybill returned Monday afternoon from a trip to the northern portion of the county.

Before sending away for flowering and ornamental plants, compare prices with the Greenhouse.

Mr. M. E. Robinson and daughter, Fannie, returned Sunday night from a few days visit to Mr. Robinson's mother in Albany, Ga.

Hon. T. D. Lancaster, who is in the logging business at Daisy, was in town Monday and said that business in that section is active.

Mrs. Pendegrass and two children, Quintan, Georgia, who have been the guests of Mrs. Vernon Clyatt for a short while returned home Monday.

Mrs. F. A. Teague and baby and Miss Sallie Teague went down to Lady Lake Monday afternoon to visit Major and Mrs. Teague for a while.

Little Miss Erin Young entertained a large number of her young friends Tuesday afternoon with a delightful birthday party.

We regret to learn that Mr. A. S. Berlack, of this city, is quite sick at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lederer in Jacksonville.

Messrs. W. W. Hamilton, Horatio Davis and Evans Hale, of Gainesville, are among the visiting attorneys attending Circuit Court.

Mr. J. T. Peacock, of Valdosta, Ga., of the firm of West and Peacock, who are the largest turpentine operators in Georgia and Florida, was a visitor to the city Monday.

And now it is suggested that possibly Alonzo P. Baskin, of Marion county, may be a candidate for Governor before the next primary, if one is held.—Lake City Index.

WANTED—Three good salesmen and collectors. Apply to Singer Sewing Machine Co., Ocala, Fla. 363twit

We had a very pleasant call Monday afternoon from Mr. B. F. Saxton, of New York City. Mr. Saxton owns an orange grove on South Lake Weir and as his annual custom is spending several weeks there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth, of Providence, R. I., who have been spending a short while in Ocala with Mrs. Bosworth's brother, Mr. Geo. R. Robinson, left Monday afternoon for Cuba, where they will spend several weeks.

Mr. L. W. Drew, of Bellview, who owns an orange grove there and also one in Ocala, was a visitor here Monday and stated that a man who stuck to the orange business was bound to come out ahead in the end.

Mr. J. C. Matheson and family left this week for Marion county, north of Ocala, where Mr. Matheson has purchased land and will engage in farming. His Leesburg friends wish him much success in his new home.—Leesburg Commercial.

Miss Linda Smith, of Louisville, Ky., who has been spending the past three months in Ocala with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Anderson, will return home the latter part of this week, much to the regret of her host of friends in this city.

We enjoyed a very pleasant call Monday from Mr. S. C. Fackler, editor of the Crystal River News. Mr. Fackler speaks in the highest terms of Crystal River and says it has as bright an outlook as any town on the gulf. It already has several large mills and others are being built and still others are in contemplation.

Mr. and Mrs. Huber, of Lancaster, Pa., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Shuey, left Monday for Palatka. The father of these ladies was an engineer on the Florida Southern railway and died during the yellow fever epidemic and was buried at Palatka. They came to Florida to find his grave and place a monument over it.

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FLORIDA IN THE HALL OF FAME

There are other names than those we mentioned who might with propriety, as Florida's contribution, grace a niche in the congressional statutory gallery.

For instance, there is John Milton, Florida's war governor, of whom, in his history entitled, "Union, Dis-Union, and Re-Union," Sunset Cox says of him:

Florida was an out-lying state, of small population and wealth. She had escaped the ravages of war. No strategic advantage was to be gained by contesting the possession of any of her extensive territory, except Pensacola. It was well understood that her fate would follow that of adjoining states, and that their submission to the arms of the Republic would compel her compliance.

Governor Milton although not conspicuous for his energy, he was as representative a man as any of the five who are pictured in the preceding chapter. His life is worth a study in its relations to the great events of which it formed a part. He served during the whole war, as governor. He was thoroughly devoted to the Southern cause. Even in his sinking condition, he displayed heroism beyond all praise, amid distraction and despondency. He was born on the twenty-first day of April, 1807, in Jefferson county, Georgia. He was the son of Col. Homer V. Milton, of the United States army, and grandson of the John Milton for whom, in our early history, Georgia cast her vote for the Presidency of the United States; so that he had brave, rebellious, and patriotic blood in his veins. He was educated at the academy in Louisville, the county seat of Jefferson county. He studied law under Roger L. Gamble. He practiced in his native county. After a year or two he moved to Columbus, Georgia; and while there he became engaged in politics. He ran for Congress on the nullification question. He was defeated. He afterwards resided in Mobile and in New Orleans. In both places he had a large practice. In 1846, he moved to Jacksonville, in the state of Florida. He settled on his farm. He only appeared in court occasionally. He was devoted to agricultural pursuits. His hospitality was proverbial. His social qualities not only transmuted acquaintances into friends, but made all strangers welcome. His conversation was of rare quality and full of wisdom and wit. His knowledge of national and state measures, and prominent men, was immense. He was a surprise to his friends, for, although he was not a hard student, he seemed to grasp matters by intuition. Nature did much for him. Although he preferred domestic life, the people would not allow him his coveted ease. At every election, from 1846 to 1890, his voice was heard. He marshaled the

democratic forces. He was elected to the legislature in 1849. He was one of the democratic electors in 1848, and visited and spoke in every portion of the state. He became thus fully known to the people of Florida. They appreciated his abilities as a statesman and orator.

The author met him first at the National Democratic Convention, at Charleston, in 1860. He deplored the necessity that caused a division in the Democratic party. He feared that it would produce a rupture between the states. He was a warm supporter of General Breckenridge. In 1860, he was nominated for governor. He made a thorough canvass of the state, and was elected by a large majority. He was inaugurated as governor in 1861, for four years. After the withdrawal of the state from the United States, like a large portion of the Southern people he felt that the election of Abraham Lincoln, as a sectional candidate, was a sufficient cause for the withdrawal of Florida. He favored a confederacy, not only for the protection of states rights, but to preserve the rights of property in slaves. He warmly indorsed the action of his state. It was in accord with his ideas of 1862. When war was declared, he foresaw that the South had much to contend with. Her success would be doubtful, but his voice and material aid were freely given. He cheerfully and resolutely cast his fortune with his people. Although in the latter part of 1861 he saw that the fortunes of war were with the United States, and began to doubt the wisdom of secession, he never varied from the cherished ideas of his early manhood. In 1864 and 1865, there were heavy and repeated calls for men and provisions, made upon the Confederate States. The old and young of Florida, through the influence of their governor, had enlisted in the war, regardless of age and exemption. Her coast was extensive, and easy of approach. It required more men than she had, to guard it. Invasion was threatened, and in some points it was actually made. Tallahassee, the capital, was an objective point; and in March, 1865, the troops of the United States landed at St. Marks. They sought to hold that part of the state, but were repulsed at the Natural Bridge, with loss, and obliged to re-enforce. In the eastern part of the state, similar attempts were made. These attacks, with the knowledge that the Confederate was daily growing weaker, caused much distress to Governor Milton. He was approachable by all. He listened to the complaints of his people. As a parent with offspring, he sympathized in their sufferings. These anxieties, linked with mental work and constant care, produced softening of the brain. On the 1st of April, 1865, he died. In him the land of flowers lost a devoted friend and a governor. The requiem over his grave was as sincere as it was sad.

Mr. W. A. Pelot is now occupying the Colonel Morgan place, the same having been purchased by the Consolidated Naval Stores Company.

St. Patrick's Day was very generally observed in Ocala yesterday by the wearing of the Shamrock, which was furnished by Mr. T. B. Snyder, the popular proprietor of the Haterdashery.

Mr. M. E. Robinson has rented a room in the Montezuma block and has fitted up the same for a private sample room, in which to display his excellent line of shoes of every description.

Mr. and Mrs. Burtus Ward McDonald, formerly of this city but more recently of Jacksonville, have gone to Cedar Keys, where Mr. McDonald has accepted a position with the Atlantic Coast Line.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Bird, after spending a week very pleasantly in Ocala, left Monday afternoon for their home in Brooklyn. While in Ocala Mr. and Mrs. Bird were guests at the Ocala House.

We notice from the Dunnellon Advocate that the following Ocalaans were visitors there during the week, viz: Mrs. C. C. Todd, Mr. J. M. Barco, United States Deputy Marshal Hamp Chambers, Mr. D. W. Davis and Mr. Byron Lane.

M. D. Johnson, secretary of the Peninsular Industrial Insurance Company, will leave to-night for a business trip to Tampa and Ocala, where he will inspect the branch offices of the company.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Mr. William O. Hearn, formerly with Chamberlain, DuBose & Company, of Atlanta, has arrived in Ocala and has accepted a position with C. Rheinamer & Brother, one of our largest and most popular mercantile establishments.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Redding will have as their guests next week Mrs. Charlie Gibson and the Misses Howard, of Grahamville, and Mrs. Redding, of Ocala, who will come down the Oklawaha river to Palatka, thence to St. Augustine and from there to Jacksonville.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Mr. J. B. Malloy, of Anthony, who has two hundred acres in watermelons and beans, was a visitor to the city Saturday and said that if the truckers of Florida did not get rich this year it would not be because of the scarcity of stuff grown, as there is the largest area planted and the most promising prospects the state has ever known. All indications are propitious.

Joe Stevens, of Ocala, attempted to end his life by the carbolic acid process a day or two ago, because he said his wife didn't love him. Joe ought not to mind a little thing like that in this progressive age—but if all the boys in the same boat should follow the pace there would possibly be a run on carbolic acid.—Gainesville Sun.

Mrs. Haskell, of China, who has been spending some time in Ocala, left Tuesday for a short visit in Jacksonville, where she goes to see her sister, Mrs. Young J. Allen and her niece, Miss Alice Allen, of Shanghai, China, who are the guests of Mrs. Allen's daughter, Mrs. Henry S. Kirk Turner. Mrs. Allen and daughter, Misses Ethel and Alice, will sail from Seattle, Wash., for their home about May first.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hutchison and their charming daughter, Miss Martha Hutchison, of Chattanooga, returned yesterday after an extended visit in St. Petersburg. They are charmed with the climate, accommodations and sociability of that delightful little city. They will leave this morning for Ocala, the Oklawaha river trip and Jacksonville upon their homeward way. Many friends regret their early departure from the city.—Tampa Tribune.

We had the pleasure of a very interesting talk Monday with Mr. Galt, president of the State Fair Association. He says that the orange trees at McIntosh for the first time since 1894 have put on an uninterrupted spring growth. The trees are white with bloom and it now looks, beyond a doubt, that cold times have come again, and that the orange industry in that section will assume the proud place it occupied at the time of our great disaster. The confidence of the people is again restored and everybody in that community is in good spirits.

Little Miss Etta Hood, who expected to give her young friends a picnic to Silver Springs Saturday afternoon was prevented from doing so by the rain. Instead the children all came and had an indoor party. The young hostess was assisted in entertaining her guests by her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Sexton, Miss Annie Sharpe and Miss Hattie Dye. All sorts of games were played and among other things a "peanut walk" was enjoyed. In this little Miss Gladys McCoull, Marguerite Porter and Jean Teague won the prizes. The picnic lunches were eaten and very much enjoyed. The children all spent a very happy afternoon even if they were cut out of their picnic.

Mr. J. B. McCorkle, of this city, consummated a big land sale Saturday. The deal embraces about seven thousand acres of timber lands near Zellwood in Orange county. Mr. N. W. Ellis, formerly of Summerfield, but now of this city, was the purchaser.

Meeting of City Council.

An important meeting of the City council was held Tuesday night. All the city fathers were present except Messrs. Carmichael and Jones.

After the adoption of the minutes Messrs. Allan Rodgers and W. D. Robertson asked that a certain lot near Mr. Rodgers' residence be filled in as it was deleterious to health, and a committee was appointed to investigate the matter and have the same done if the committee deemed it was necessary.

An ordinance was passed stopping the washing of vehicles and horses and the greasing of harness on the sidewalks and streets, and also against the blockading of the streets and sidewalks with vehicles, wares or articles of merchandise.

The resignation of the marshal was withdrawn and his leave of absence was extended until April 1st.

The council adjourned until Wednesday March 25th, when the sale of the enlarging of the electric light plant will be discussed.

Presbyterian Social.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Jew Austin entertained the ladies of the Presbyterian church at their regular monthly tea.

On account of the severe rainy weather not as many were present as would have been under other circumstances, but in spite of this fact over \$8 was realized for the church treasury.

Mrs. Bessie McConnell and little daughter, Gladys, with a mandolin duet, little Misses Jean Austin and Lillian Anderson and Mrs. E. L. Carney with instrumental solos added greatly to the afternoon's pleasure.

In the dining room tea and wafers were served to the guests by Misses Linda Smith, Sue Barco and Annie Davis.

A Sworn Statement.

This is to certify that on Monday, the 2nd day of October, 1901, I purchased of The Racket Company, Ocala, Fla., a pair of their Tomahawk Brand penitentiary made shoes and that I have worn them continuously ever since, and the upper and soles are still in good condition and it is my belief that they are good for three months more wear. This is thirteen months wear that I have, strictly received from these shoes, whose original cost was \$1.15.

I. P. STEVENS.

Ocala, Fla.

Sworn to and subscribed before me January 2, 1903. W. W. CLARK, Notary Public.

Accident to Mr. Sistrunk.

Saturday night, while Mr. S. T. Sistrunk, our esteemed clerk of the circuit court, was about to enter upon a fox chase, had the misfortune to have his horse step into a hole, and horse and rider were both thrown to the ground and the fall was so violent that Mr. Sistrunk's left arm was broken near the elbow.

The unfortunate gentleman was lifted to his horse by his comrades and taken home and Dr. Powers was summoned and set his arm about 7 o'clock. He suffered considerable pain but is now getting along alright.

The St. Denis Changes Management.

Mrs. H. Hagerty yesterday took charge of the St. Denis hotel, and will make numerous improvements for the accommodation of guests.

Mrs. Hagerty has had large experience in hotel business and if keeping clean and elegant rooms and setting a good table are means to success, we are determined that the St. Denis under her management shall reap its full share of patronage.

Lost—Reward.

Several thousand dollars (over) and lost in lands in Marion county without having first obtained an abstract of title from the Marion County Abstract Company. For reward see another column.

I. N. EXPERIENCE.

Prepare your flower beds now, fertilize them freely, buy your plants at the Greenhouse to fill them.